THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The recommendation of the High Level Committee (Atherya Committee) set up by the Government for recommending the most appropriate structure for Telecom. Department is under active consideration. Since Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is a part of the Eelecomstructure of this country, a decision regarding Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited will be taken alongwith the decision on the recommendation of the Atreya Committee.

LTTE terrorists threat to blow up Rameswaram Bridge in Tamil Nadu

*257. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LTTE terrorists have threatened to blow up Rameswaram Bridge in Tamil Nadu and that they intend the function within Tamil Nadu and spread terrorism in India; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to weed out LTTE terrorists from India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) According to Government of Tamil Nadu, an anonymous letter in the name of LTTE containing *interalia* a threat to blow up Pamban Bridge at Rameswaram was received. There is, however, no mention in the letter about the LTTE wanting to function within Tamil Nadu and spread terrorism in India.

(b) The State Government have informed that sustained action is being taken to eradicate militant LTTE activities and to check their infiltration into India. This includes setting up of check posts and intensification of patrolling on shore and off shore. The Central Government is providing all possible assistance to the State Government in this regard.

Growth of motels on National Highways

*258. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mushroom growth of motels on National Highway between Vijayawada and Hyderabad and Vijayawada and Madras is creating traffic jams;

(b) how many motels are now running on these highways; and

(c) what steps are being taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It is presumed by "motel" the Hon. Member is referring to Hotels where motorists and their vehicle can be accommodated. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have intimated that there are no motels along these sections of National Highways.

(c) Does not arise.

Telegraph facilities in Uttar Pradesh

*259. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facilities are available; and

(b) the places in Uttar Pradesh where direct telegraph facilities are proposed to be provided during the next one and two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Direct Telegraph Facility provided through Store and Forward Systems is available from 35 places in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on 1-4-1991. List of such telegraph officers is given at Statement I.